Federal City Performing Arts Association
Gay Men's Chorus of Washington
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

The inaugural meeting of the 2006-2007 Board of Directors
Arena Stage, 14th & T Streets, Washington, DC
Sunday, August 13, 2006

Present
Board: S. Bennett, C. Brookshire, R. Capps, S. Derrevere, J. Gerard, R. Hall, M. Hill, H. Hartley, S. Herman, S. Katsurinis, G. Kubiak, J. Lee, R. Mahaffey, K. McGee, D. Patton, P. Pompeo
Ex-officio:
J. Quinones
Staff:
J. Buhrman, A. Hoffmann, R. Williams
Guest:
H. Lewis
Absent
L. Guillemette

Proceedings

1) Chairman Kubiak called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2) Minutes of the May 22, 2006 meeting were accepted, as amended, without dissent, following a motion by Patton and a second by Hall.

3) The following slate of officers was presented on behalf of the Governance Committee: G. Kubiak, Chair (term-one year), C. Brookshire, Vice-chair (term-two years), J. Lee, Treasurer (term-two years), K. McGee, Secretary (term-1 year). The motion to elect the slate was approved without dissent on a motion by Capps and a second by Pompeo.

4) Chairman Kubiak announced the following committee chairs:
   Governance Committee - D. Streit, Chair
   Board member Brookshire shall also serve on the Governance committee with a focus on Board assessment, accountability and succession issues, and Board member Herman shall serve on the committee to oversee and manage the revised, 3-year Strategic Plan, which the board began to revise during the retreat discussions on August 12.

   Finance Committee – J. Lee, Chair (as provided in the by-laws by virtue of his position as Treasurer.)

Development Committee – H. Lewis, Chair
Board member Hill will chair the Spring Affair

Consideration of merging the current Marketing Advisory Committee into a more broadly charged Communications Committee will be examined.

Required Actions:

A. Committee chairs should appoint members
B. Convene meetings
C. Report to Board at next meeting.

5) Chairman Kubiak reported on the revision of the corporation by-laws – an objective growing out of the 2005 strategic plan – which has been forwarded to the Executive Committee by the By-Laws Revision Task Force, chaired by Dan Patton. The proposed changes to the by-laws will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and sent to the full Board with ample time to review before final action at the September 25 meeting. The by-laws will then be presented at a meeting of the GMCW membership for review and vote. Kubiak called on Patton to provide a brief overview of the issues addressed in the revisions.

Required Actions:

A. By-laws must be reviewed for approval by the Executive Committee.
B. By-laws must be reviewed for approval by the Board of Directors.
C. By-laws must be presented to the GMCW membership.
D. Calendar to be established for above actions.

6) Treasurer Lee presented the financial report for Fiscal Year 2006 that was accepted on a motion by Hall and a second by Katsurinis.

7) Treasurer Lee presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2007. After questions and discussion, a point of order challenging an interpretation of the by-laws was offered by Patton, seconded by Quinones: "That Article III, paragraph 2 of the by-laws on "payment of dues" is interpreted to prohibit the Board approving a dues increase without membership approval." The motion was defeated in a polled vote.
The following motion by Mahaffey and a second by McGee was approved without dissent: "That the Board of Directors gives authority to continue necessary spending, based on the FY07 budget as proposed and amended, to the GMCW staff with the proviso that the Treasurer and staff prepare and present a revised budget that reflects the concerns expressed by the Board at its next meeting."

Required Actions:

A. GMCW staff and Treasurer must review and suggest amendments to the FY07 budget that reflect the concerns of the Board.
B. Suggested revisions are to be presented to the Board at their September meeting.

C. The Board must take final action to approve or further revise the FY 07 budget.

8) Artistic Director Buhrman reported that:
   a) new member auditions will be held on August 15, 16 & 19
   b) summer vocal sessions were held with all members
   c) Steven Mazzola from The Shakespeare Theater will be the stage director for "The Wizard of OZ"
   d) Craig Cippolini, choreographer for the DC Cowboys will choreograph "Mistletoe and Memories" and "The Wizard of OZ"
   e) The Artistic Advisory Committee will meet on September 18. All are welcome with prior notice.
   f) Potomac Fever has three new members replacing singers who left the group. PF will sing in New York City in November.
   g) Buhrman directed a mixed chorus at the 2006 Outgames in Montreal
   h) Former GMCW AD, Jim Holloway will write a new transcription for "Requiem" by Gabriel Faure for the February concert.
   i) GMCW is discussing with the Family Diversity Project the display of their photo exhibit at Lisner Auditorium during "The Wizard of OZ"

9) Executive Director Hoffmann reported that:
   a) 2,045 tickets (85%) at an average price of $43. were sold for the June concert that received an excellent Washington Post review.
   b) A year-end appeal for donations is being conducted to make up a budget deficit. Information on additional potential donors is requested.
   c) Subscription letters were mailed in early August and the newsletter will be mailed this week.
   d) Thanks to Michael Hill and Michael Bigley for their coordination of the reception for Barbara Cook. Thanks also Russ Capps, Ken Yazge, Scott Reiber and Rusty Smith for their contributions to the Event
   e) The GMCW staff retreat and the performance reviews occurred in July.

10) Chairman Kubiak expressed the Board's thanks to Bennett and his partner Craig Ferrier for hosting the Friday evening social function, Hill for arranging the retreat and meeting space and Hoffmann and his partner Dave Wyncott for providing Saturday's continental breakfast and lunch. He then adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM. The next meeting of the Board will be held on September 25 at 7:00 PM at a site to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen McGee, Secretary
9/25/2006